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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BONNIE'S BASICS-OUR PAST

I was so impressed with Janie Jaquier's Accent for my Installation and really appreciated learning more about Altrusa's past. Some of it, I was a part of, but it was so special to hear about things that happened before I became an Altrusan. I know that those of you who have been members for a while have some great memories, also.

One of my history professors in college always reminded us that, "You don't know where you are going if you don't know where you have been." I want to share Janie's Accent again with you. Let's remember where we

have been as we plan and work during 2011-2012.

Here is Janie's Accent:

Forty-five years ago, a group of 17 women decided that Richardson would benefit from an Altrusa club. Patsy Reynolds was president. Their first community service project in cooperation with the Richardson Jaycees was "Sweep & Scrub" day. Sounds like a lot of work to me. The club also sponsored the "Little Miss Sparkle" Contest for little girls six to ten years old. The club supplied a cape and crown for Miss Sparkle. In 1967, the Miss Sparkle float won first place for the Most Beautiful

Float in the parade. We are still winning first place honors in parades. To raise money the club held a garage sale. The Community Service Committee collected and presented 158 books and \$50.00 to the Plano University Library. After all these years, we still give books way. The club was chartered May 23, 1967. At the time, I was graduating from

> high school. Mary O. was two months pregnant with Tagni. Bonnie was raising her nine-year-old son Chip in Lafayette, Louisiana, with her husband Gayle. Kim wasn't even born. This small group of woman laid a very strong foundation for us, the future members of Altrusa.

As the club grew, the service to the community expanded. By the late seventies, helping Neighborhood Youth Services (now known as Neighborhood Youth & Family Counseling) was the club's major project. Scholarships for vocational training were given and the club assisted foreign students at UTD and Richland College. Our involvement with elementary schools with diverse and economically disadvantaged population started in the early eighties with the "Trim the Tree" project. The club provided a Christmas tree trimmed by our members and gifts for needy children. Bingo with seniors at Rich-

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ardson Manor, Dallas Food Bank, Dallas Taping for the Blind, Cancer Crusade, hosting dinners for foreign visitors, the Laubach Literacy Project and Operation New Start are just a few of the club projects during the eighties. During Mimi Tanner's year (1995-1996), we adopted Ability House. The Great Fountain Festival, Aid to Crime Victims, Wildflower Festival, Hoe-Y-Hose for cancer patients are a few of the great projects of the nineties.

Fundraisers ranged from selling Tupperware, market research to bake sales where members sold goodies they made to other member. Seems like we still do that. During Jo Leeper's year (1981-1982), the club accomplished a significant mile stone—one major fundraiser, the Altrusa Auction, to meet budget. They raised \$2,300. That year the club also helped with "Downtown Hoedown", a financially successful barbecue

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fundraiser for Neighborhood Youth Services, which raised \$4,400. The NYS board president wrote on this occasion: "...To see a group of women who hold full time jobs put together and pull off such a major event in such a short amount of time is like seeing a great wonder of the world erected before your very own eyes." It sounds like she is talking about us and OWT.

By the nineties the Altrusa Auction with dinner and live entertainment became our very successful fundraising model. "Moonstruck", "Denim & Diamonds" and "Viva Altrusa" were a few of the themes. In 2004, under Janice Swallow's leadership, the club took a risk and transitioned to a new even—the "Outstanding Women of Today" luncheon. We all know what a fantastic event this is—raising funds for our projects, honoring successful business women and increasing awareness of Altrusa in our community.

Over the years, our meeting places have changed from churches to civic halls to hotels to the Woman's Club. Our projects have varied and our members have come and gone. Our core values, however, have not changed, as reflected in the goals of our past:

- Accomplish altruistic aims with fun and friendship
- Make a difference in the community
- Grow as leaders in the community and leaders in our own organization
- Achieve recognition in our community

The new officers we are about to install will lead us through a remodeling of Altrusa. Our structure will become more flexible to withstand the waves of change. Our exterior will be resurfaced to show a clear vision of our purpose and our Altrusa home will extend a warm welcome to all who want to enter. We will pass on a strong and vibrant Altrusa to future generations.

Thank you, Janie, for reminding us about the proud history of our Club. The accomplishments of our past will be a sturdy foundation as we continue Working Today—Building Tomorrow.

Bonnie Perry,

President 2011-2012

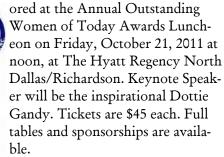
OWT COMMITTEE REPORT

WHAT IS OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY?

By Kimberly Kierce, OWT Publicity Chair

row is a distinguished honor for women in leadership in businesses, governments, and non-profit organizations who exemplify determination and innovation and have made an outstanding contribution in their chosen fields. They are to be commended for making a difference for the future of women and leadership, and this program, sponsored by Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, does just that!

All nominees and their organizations will be hon-



Candidates are nominated based on

Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomor- | the following criteria: She displays exceptional dedication, leadership and vision; is employed in one of these fields: corporate, education, government, non-profit, small business; exhibits an altruistic spirit in her work and community; and works and/or lives within Dallas or Collin counties.

> Categories for nomination are: corporate, education, government, non-profit, small business, and Outstanding Women of Tomorrow (under age 35 in any category). Nomination deadline is September 9, 2011. Nomination forms are available on-line at www.altrusarichardson.com (select Awards Luncheon).

> For information about Nominations, please contact Cindy McIntyre at contact@altrusarichardson.com .

> This awards program benefits the projects and scholarships of Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, Texas Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. For a listing of the projects supported by Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, please visit www.altrusarichardson.com

OWT COMMITTEE REPORT

DOTTIE GANDY WILL BE OWT KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dottie Gandy will be the keynote speaker at our 8th Annual Outstanding Women of Today... Builders of Tomorrow Luncheon and Awards Presentation. She

is an author, speaker, and facilitator, business owner, and consultant with over 25 years of experience as a corporate executive and a highly successful entrepreneur.

Ms. Gandy and Marsha Clark are the co-authors of Choose! The Role That Choice Plays in Shaping Women's Lives (Brown Books Publishing, September 2004). Simon and Schuster published Gandy's first book, 30 Days to a Happy Employee: How a Simple Program of Acknowledgment Can Build Trust and Loyalty at Work.

Dottie is the founder of The Up to Something Group in Dallas, TX, whose members choose to be intentional about designing the lives they want - and create extraordinary results in the process. She and Rita Bailey are co-authoring a book on what it means to be "up to something" in your life.

She was the regional director for the Franklin Covey Company in Dallas for six years, and remains a Client

> Consultant with that organization, focusing on The Speed of Trust workshop delivery. An avid supporter of women in business, she is the co-founder of the National Association of Women Business Owners. Later she was a corporate executive for 10 years with Giant Food, Inc. in Washington, D.C., a Fortune 500 food retailer.

> Dottie is a native Texan, with a B.A. in Communications from Baylor University. She currently resides in Allen, Texas. Although much of her adult life was spent in Washington, D. C., she

returned to Texas in 1991 to marry her college sweetheart, Tom Gandy. Dottie has two daughters, one stepson, and four extraordinary grandchildren.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

REMEMBER HOW EXCITING IT WAS TO GET NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

By Andrea Rutledge

Our Altrusa Club is a Partner in Education to Richardson Terrace Elementary School. We have a very large banner hanging outside the school, proclaiming our partnership. This year, in response to the school's needs, the Education Committee is holding a school supply collection.

All supplies will go to a Teacher Store at Terrace where teachers will be able to select supplies that they need for their classrooms throughout the year. The list was compiled by Sharon Newman, principal at Terrace. Sharon thanked Altrusa for our efforts at Terrace and expressed her excitement at the teacher store. She said the most urgent need is for copier paper. Here is the whole list:

- Copier paper
- □ No. 2 wood pencil (latex free)
- □ 70 ct. spiral comp. book wide rule. Red, blue, green and yellow
- □ Pink erasers (latex free)
- □ Facial tissue
- Pocket and brad folders 9.5 pt. red, blue, yellow, and green

Expo (brand) black chisel tip dry erase markers.
 Maribeth, our Pre-K teacher, also uses colored markers.

Carolyn Swanson has volunteered to follow the promo ads for school supplies and send us all notice. The Education Committee thinks we should buy the scissors, rulers, etc. in those ads, also.

Our goal for the supply sale is one case (12 reams) of copier paper per grade level, Pre-K through 6th grade and one case for the Special teachers. That means we need nine cases or 108 reams of papers. Look for the sales—and watch your e-mail for Carolyn's notification of sales that start on Sundays. Sometimes, a ream of paper is quite inexpensive but the quantity limited.

You can bring your supplies to the July dinner meeting or the August business or dinner meetings. An Education Committee member will collect all supplies. We will have a container and slips of paper on the check-in table. You can put your name on one slip for each package of supplies you bring. At the August dinner meeting, a name will be drawn for a mighty fine prize: the more supplies you bring, the more chances you have to win.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

EDUCATION COMMITTEE WANTS YOUR HELP IN PLANNING PROJECTS

By Andrea Rutledge

You are invited to join the Education Committee at Linda Korn's home on Wednesday, July 13th, 6:30 pm, for a potluck dinner and planning session. Please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, or dessert to share.

We are delighted to have our new members and

Wednesday, July 13
6:00 PM sharp
Education Committee Meeting
at Linda Korn's home.
please RSVP to her
by 5:00 PM, Monday, July 11



welcome back our veterans. We have many projects on our agenda for the coming year-some of the most successful from previous years, along with some great ideas for the coming year. In order for our team to be successful, we need to have input and more ideas from all our members. One of the reasons our committee has accomplished so much in the past is because of the variety of special talents and dedication of our members. We know this will continue to be the case and we are eager to get started.

Please let Linda Korn know if you will be able to attend. We sure hope you can join us—your input is very important to the success of the Education Committee. Bring your enthusiasm and great ideas. We look forward to seeing you on July 13th.

RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

RETAIN CURRENT MEMBERS OR HAVE FUN? LET'S DO BOTH!

By Pam Kovacs, Co-chair

Although the official objective of the Membership Retention Committee is to retain current members, committee members know it's really all about having a good time. Perhaps this is why the size of our committee seems to grow a little larger each year. Some of you might have noticed at the last dinner meeting, that we were actually a "two table" committee with the co-chairs, Pam Kovacs and Ellen Stevenson, perched on the outskirts of the group.

As evidenced by the tremendous number of hours of service contributed each year, we are a club that works hard for our community. And, as apparent at any Altrusa of Richardson dinner meeting or other gathering—notice the number of bottles of wine that grace our tables—we enjoy playing hard as well.

So, in reality, the real focus of our committee is all about planning events for our club to have some fun times throughout the year in between working on service projects and helping ensure the success of OWT, our major fundraiser. Of course, the real rewards of any of these activities for those who participate are the opportunities to get better acquainted with members on a personal level, support others during times of need, help new members comfortably settle in to the club, and strengthen our bonds of Altrusa sisterhood.

Be sure to read the Tidings each month to learn more about dates, times and particulars on events planned for each year. For a quick overview of some of the events, we offer a monthly bridge club, book club and Meet & Greet happy hour.

Quarterly, we meet in various popular places for our Lunch Bunch. The first one is usually scheduled for sometime in September. Also, in September our first big event of the year is a pool party and book swap. One of the best aspects of this event is that you don't need to bring a bathing suit—it really isn't that kind of party. Just bring any books you want to swap, a big appetite for lots of good food, a friend or spouse and maybe a bottle of wine. Then simply sit back around the pool or inside with the A/C and

enjoy the party with laughter and good company.

Other activities planned for the year include the December Holiday Party, January Treasure Swap, and April Altrusa Marketplace.

New this year is our Caring Committee, which is an extension of our old TLC. A sub-committee of Membership Retention, the Caring Committee's objective is to "Lift the spirits of our members through support, friendship, and encouragement". The goals of the committee will include: reaching out to members and/or their families in need due to death, illness or injury as well as coordinating food and other assistance; telephone contact with members when they miss a meeting; welcoming new members with cards, emails, or calls; and sending out birthday wishes to members.

There is also some talk of planning an Altrusa day trip to a local casino for members, friends and families. Contact Pam Kovacs if this is something that might be of interest to you. We've been assured of a free bus trip should we have enough people wanting to go. Now really, how could a bus load of Altrusa sisters not be loads of laughs?!

Somehow when it seems that it couldn't get any better, it does. And, this year's committee members and event leaders are already planning for even bigger and better events than last year.

HELP WANTED!

THE MEMBERSHIP RETENTION COMMITTEE IS SOLICITING SUGGESTIONS FOR A NEW THIRD THURSDAY MEET AND GREET LOCATION. THE IDEAL VENUE WOULD:

- □ HAVE CHEAP DRINK PRICES
- BE SMOKE-FREE
- BE NOT TOO NOISY
- BE IN RICHARDSON
- □ HAVE GOOD, REASONABLY-PRICED BAR FOOD

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR IDEAS TO BOBBIKLEIN BEFORE OUR NEXT DINNER MEETING ON THURS-DAY, JULY 21

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

WATER FOR ELEPHANTS IS JULY BOOK CLUB SELECTION

By Kay George

Suzanne Cotton led the uplifting discussion of Kiss Me If You Can by Carly Phillips. A fun and

romantic book with mischievous characters, red-hot passionate encounters, and a spirited plot, it is one of the TopTen.com best-selling romance novels ever and definitely a change from our usual reading material—a bit over the top at times—but a fun start to our 2011-2012 Book Club.

In July, we'll return to some degree of normalcy with a discussion of Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen. Now a major motion picture, this book has remained on the New York Times best-seller list for many weeks.

The story is told as a series of memories by Jacob Jankowski, a "90 or 93 year-old" man who lives in a nursing home. As the memories begin, Jacob is 23 years old and preparing for his final exams as a Cornell University veterinary student when he receives the news that his parents were killed in a car acci-

dent. Jacob's father was a veterinarian and Jacob had planned to join his practice. When Jacob learns that

his father was deeply in debt because he had been treating animals for free as well as mortgaging the family home to provide Jacob an Ivy League education, he has a breakdown and leaves school just short of graduation. In the dark of night, he jumps on a train only to learn it is a circus train belonging to The Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth. Thus begins the adventure.

Thanks to Ann Payne, Gerry Carron, and Kay George for providing our snacks, Cindy Martin for dessert, Genevieve Hamulak for the libations, and Pam Kovacs for soft drinks, water, and providing the paper goods.

Please join us on Monday, July 25th, at 6:00 PM. As always, we meet at Friends Place Adult Day Services, 1960 Nantucket Drive in Richardson.

NEW MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORT

GIVE US YOUR QUESTIONS, WE WILL FIND THE ANSWERS!

Bν Brenda Moreland

The New Member Committee, led by our illustrious Immediate Past President, Mary Beth McLemore, will be brain-storming on the Frequently Asked Questions that potential new members might want to know about Altrusa. Do you remember the first time you visited an Altrusa event? What were you afraid to ask? Or did you wonder what's a "brag" and why are you paying for it? Birthday what? The committee will be looking for Altrusa memories about those first few visits and what questions or "first impressions" you had in hopes of enhancing our recruitment efforts.

Committee members are: Jan Belcher, Gerry Garron, Toni Garrett, Donna Jarman, Rose Daugherty, June Rentmeester, Jenn Rohm, Brenda

Moreland, Elisa Belsley, Nancy Crowe, Barbara Berthold, and Gay McAlister.



ABOVE: BRENDA, JENN, AND MARY BETH LISTEN CLOSELY TO GERRY'S EXPLANATION.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 16 DINNER MEETING: JUMP-STARTING THE NEW YEAR

By Kimberly D. Kierce, President-Elect

On June 16, 2011, our program meeting was a great way for ALL committees to "jump-start" this new club year. Administration and Foundation Committees had their first opportunity to being planning for the coming year and recruit more members for their committees. Members were excited to discuss the many opportunities that lie ahead of us this year. It was hard to

break away from our Administration discussions to regroup into our Foundation Committees—maybe because we like to talk and we like to plan great events!

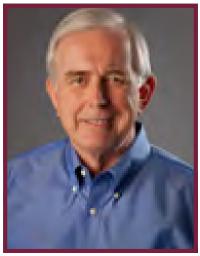
While it is hard to plan an entire year in such a short period of time, it was a wonderful way to kick the year off right! We all look forward to the great things all our committees will accomplish this year!

MEETING PREVIEW

JULY 21 DINNER MEETING: BILL KNUDSEN WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER



Bill Knudsen, President and CEO of Ability Connection Texas, will be our guest speaker on July 21. He will talk about the future and new directions for the organization formerly known as UCP or United Cerebral Palsy of North Texas.



In 2011, UCP changed its name to Ability Connection to better define the scope of the organization's mission and to focus on the *Abilities* that the people we serve have demonstrated. Although originally serving only individuals with cerebral palsy, today ACT serves individuals with all types of physical, cognitive, acquired and developmental disabilities. In fact, 80% of the children and adults served by ACT have disabilities *other than* cerebral palsy.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

STRATEGIC PLANNERS TO ADAPT REBRANDING FOR OUR CLUB

By Barbara Berthold and Kay George

The first meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee was conducted during the dinner meeting on June 16th. Committee members include Co-Chairs – Kay George and Jean Stuart; Board Liaison – Nancy Rohm; Secretary – Toni Garrett; Barbara Berthold; Bobbi Klein, June Rentmeester, and Suzanne Cotton. Barbara agreed to work with Kay on articles for **Altrusa Tidings** and Jean will be the official photographer for the committee.

The vision of the committee is to take the new rebranding plan from International and adapt it to our club. Bobbi Klein will attend Convention and bring back the rebranding information.

Additionally, we will focus on increasing our Club's visibility in the community. We want to "get

the word out" about Altrusa and to introduce a new community project.

Ideas for new Club Project are:

- □ UTD Kids University
- □ UTD Summer Academic Bridge Program

Jean Stuart has more information on both of these programs.

The committee will meet on August 4th at 6:00 PM prior to the Business Meeting to discuss the International's rebranding plan and begin our planning. Jean Stuart will host a follow-up meeting on August 11th at 6:30 PM to continue planning.

We are looking forward to learning more about the rebranding initiative and to explore its opportunities for the development of our Club.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

CHEERS FOR ALTRUSANS!

Let's all give a big cheer for:

- ☐ Bonnie Perry, for facilitating the fun and fascinating leadership mini retreat on Saturday!
- □ Nancy Rohm, for graciously opening her lovely home for the mini retreat
- ☐ Suzanne Cotton, for giving a blender to a woman in great need
- Janie Jaquier, Janice Swallow, and the Finance Committee for their painstaking work in developing our 2011-12 budgets
- □ Sarah Nesbit, for the long list of local media
- Mary Osentowski, for hosting and organizing the fabulous Past President's Council's luncheon hon-

- oring our new President
- Mimi Tanner, for successfully getting us some
 "ink" (neighborsgo) so soon in the new Club year
- ☐ Jan Belcher, for accepting the role of Parliamentarian
- ☐ Elizabeth Smith, for enthusiastically agreeing to help with **Altrusa Tidings** by researching International News, International Foundation News, District Nine News, and the Altrusa Accent for each issue



SPECIAL REPORT

PAST PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL HONORS BONNIE PERRY

On Saturday, June 11th, twelve members of the Richardson Altrusa Past President's Council met at Mary Osentowski's house to officially welcome Bonnie Perry as her new year as President of Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, TX begins. Each Past President brought some words of wisdom, some serious and some comical, for Bonnie to help guide her during her presidency and then we celebrated with a delicious salad and dessert luncheon.

Past Presidents in attendance were: Jo Leeper, 1981-82; Julianne Lovelace, 1990-91 and 1994-95; Mary Osentowski, 1991-92; Mimi Tanner, 1995 -96; Jan Skinner, 1998-99; Ginna Coffer, 1999-2000; Linda Olivera, 2002-03; Marsha Peters, 2003-04; Cindy Murray, 2005-06; Brenda Boston, 2008-09; Deb Bourland, 2009-2010; and Carolyn Swanson, President of the Dallas Club, 2000-01.

Our Club formed the Past President's Council after hearing about how a similar group was used by Altrusa of Downtown Dallas to help their Club. (Often good ideas come from other clubs. That is one reason many of us attend Conferences and Conventions.) Each year the Richardson President's Council invites the new President to a luncheon and each

shares words of wisdom that she wishes she had known, or that she learned, during her year as President. The Council meets whenever called upon by the current President to assist on special projects or club matters. The Council can also call for meetings.

Bonnie said, "One of the highlights as I begin my year as President of the Richardson Club has been the Past Presi-

dent's Luncheon held at the home of Mary Osentowski. It was wonderful to be with such a very special group of Altrusa leaders and to know that I have their support and the value of their experience."



PROJECT REPORT

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HOLDS MINI-RETREAT

By Janet Vance

The Leadership Development Committee held a mini-retreat for the 2011-2012 Altrusa Leadership team on June 25. Sixteen Altrusans representing this year's committee chairs, and Board members met with the Leadership Development Committee for brunch, and guided discussions to identify our individual and group strengths as leaders. Bonnie Perry facilitated the retreat activities and challenged the group to identify and lead through our individual areas of strength. With 79 members in Altrusa Richardson, the chances are good that we have members who have gifts in every facet of



good leadership. According to Bonnie, when we work from our strengths, our weaknesses as leaders will improve. The mini-retreat was the first project of this year's Leadership Development Committee.









SPECIAL REPORT

CURRENT COMMITTEE LISTS

Below are the Foundation Committee lists. The Administrative Committees are on the following page. If you would like to be added to any committee, please send an email to President Bon-

nie Perry.

Each club member is expected to serve on an Administration Committee and a Foundation Committee.

NEW MEMBER PROJECT	
Co-Chair:	
Co-Chair:	
Board Liaison:	Mary Beth McLemore
New Members imitated:	June 2010 - May 2011
Committee Members:	Blecher, Jan
	Belsley, Elisa
	Berthold, Barbara
	Carron, Gerry
	Crowe, Nancy
	Daugherty, Rose
	Garrett, Toni
	Jarman, Donna
McAlister, Gay	
	Moreland, Brenda
	Rentmeester, June
	Rohm, Jenn
Committee Chairs will be selected at the first planning meeting.	

ABILITY HOUSE	
Co-Chair:	Barbara Cornelius
Co-Chair:	Jan Skinner
Board Liaison:	Kimberly Kierce
Committee Members:	Ginna Coffer
	Janie Jaquier
	Mimi Tanner
	Jane Merz
	Mary Osentowski

SENIORS	
Co-Chair:	Pam Fitzgearld
Co-Chair:	Gloria Sandoval
Board Liaison:	Gloria Sandoval
Committee Members:	Ann Eisemann
	Sandy Martin
	Carolyn Swanson
	Jo Leeper
	Ann Payne
	Genevieve Hamulak

COMMUNITY OUTREACH	
Co-Chair:	Toni Garrett
Co-Chair:	Donna Jarman
Board Liaison:	Janet Vance
Committee Members:	Nancy Rohm
	Elizabeth Smith
	Cindy Murray
	Jean Stuart
	Liz Luthans
	Susan Frensley
	Gay McAlister
	Bobbi Klein
	Pam Kovacs

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	
Co-Chair:	Debbie Gamble
Co-Chair:	Jane Tucker
Board Liaison:	Gloria Sandoval
Committee Members:	June Rentmeester
	Elizabeth Smith
	Rose Daugherty
	Cindy McIntyre
	Bobbi Klein
	Linda Olivera
	Gloria Sandoval
	Deb Bourland

EDUCATION	
Co-Chair:	Linda Korn
Co-Chair:	Andrea Rutledge
Board Liaison:	Dena Davis
Committee Members:	
	Elizabeth Smith
	Hazel Weathers
	Barbara Berthold
	Ann Payne
	Samanthia Slaight
	Donna Thorpe

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	
Tri-Chair	Nancy Rohm
Tri-Chair	Janet Vance
Tri-Chair	Carol Lester
Board Liaison:	Nancy Rohm
Committee Members	Kay George
	Suzanne Cotton
	Cindy Murray
	Jane Tucker
	Elisa Belsley
	Brenda Moreland

FINANCE	
Co-Chair:	Janie Jaquier
Co-Chair:	Janice Swallow
Board Liaison:	Treasurers
Committee Members:	Jan Belcher
Elizabeth Smith	Jean Stuart
Jan Skinner	Liz Luthans
Carolyn Swanson	Andrea Rutledge
Lois Ferrara	Linda Korn
	Marsha Peters
	Dena Davis

SCHOLARSHIPS	
Co-Chair:	Shannon Ydoyago
Co-Chair:	Ingrid Palet
Board Liaison:	Genevieve Hamulak
Committee Members:	Mary Osentowski
	June Rentmeester
	Susan Frensley
	Cindy McIntyre
	Jo Leeper
	Samanthia Slaight

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT	
Co-Chair:	Norma Hammerlund
Co-Chair:	Sue McElveen
Board Liaison:	Pam Kovacs
Committee Members:	Brenda Duckett
	Mary Beth McLemore
	Bobbi Klein
	Debbie Simms
	Brenda Boston
	Gloria Sandoval
	Deb Bourland

COMMUNICATIONS				
Co-Chair:	Jill Van Os			
Co-Chair:	Debbie Sims			
Board Liaison:	Kimberly Kierce			
Accent/ Invocation:	Mimi Tanner			
Dinner Reservations:	Jean Stuart			
Greeters:				
International Foundation:	Elizabeth Smith			
Newsletter:	: Carolyn Swanson			
Publicity:	Kimberly Kierce			
Scrapbook:	Debbie Sims			
Table Display	Bobbie Klein			
Volunteer Hours:	Barbara Cornelius			
Webpage:	Kimberly Kierce			
Yearbook:	Jenn Rohm			
Rebranding of Altrusa:	Kimberly Kierce			
Rebranding of Altrusa:	Brenda Boston			
	Mimi Tanner			
Administrative Support	Brenda Boston			
Committee Members:				

Membership RETENTION					
Co-Chair:	Pam Kovacs				
Co-Chair:	Ellen Stevenson				
Board Liaison:	Pam Kovacs				
Committee Members:	Gina Coffer				
Ann Payne	Ann Eisemann				
Dena Davis	Jan Skinner				
Jane Merz	Janie Jaquier				
Genevieve Hamulak	Gay McAlister				
	Rose Daughtery				
	Linda Olivera				
	Donna Thorpe				
<u> </u>	Gerry Caron				

WAYS AND MEANS Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon					
Outstanding Women or Today Editioneon					
Co-Chair:	Julianne Lovelace				
Co-Chair:	Courtenay Tanner				
Board Liaison:	Kimberly Kierce				
Committee Members:	See List				

STRATEGIC PLANNING				
Co-Chair:	Kay George			
Co-Chair:	Jean Stuart			
Board Liaison:	Nancy Rohm			
Committee Members:	Barbara Berthold			
	Toni Garrett			
	Suzanne Cotton			

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As of June 1, 2011, Harriet Lewis, PhD, is Executive Director of Altrusa International, Inc. Harriet has experience working in the nonprofit sector spanning over 15 years as an executive developing, managing, and

evaluating social service programs. She has worked in organizations serving urban youth in alternative school settings, survivors of domestic violence in shelter, refugees seeking a new life in the United States, and entrepreneurs accessing business support from the chamber of commerce. She has also taught courses at Daytona State College, and in the School of Social Welfare at the University of Kansas.

In 2002, she joined REACH (formerly Support Committee for Bat-

tered Women) in Waltham, Massachusetts as the Executive Director. Through her leadership, staff implemented a new branding initiative that resulted in the successful launch of a capital campaign and an increase in revenue by 25% within the first year. Additionally, shelter operations were improved to serve the most vulnerable victims of domestic violence, and an agency-wide performance evaluation methodology was implemented resulting in greater accountability.

Harriet also co-founded Konesens Research, a market research consultancy specializing in online research, online community panel development, and domestic/ international research in the areas of economic/social development and tourism. Through Konesens Research, she provided research training to the Belize Tourism Board, participated on a trade mission to South Africa and Namibia, and was a presenter at the 3rd World Medical Tourism and Global Healthcare Congress. Additionally, Harriet co-authored the paper

"Creating Knowledge Management Systems for Sustainable Tourism amongst Indigenous Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs)" which was presented and now published in the proceedings of the 1st National Meeting for Development Research organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Cape Verde.

Harriet demonstrates her commitment to community service through volunteering with the United Way and other

organizations. She has been a member

of both Zonta and Rotary service clubs,

and while participating on a Rotary Group Study Exchange to Turkey, Harriet delivered a speech in Turkish at the District Conference in an effort to show friendship and goodwill. Harriet is a former U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer to Guinea-Bissau, and remains passionate about issues related to international development. She holds a graduate degree in Public Administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and a doctorate in Human Services from Walden University. Most importantly, she is a wife and mother to two wonderful children, ages seven and two. She and her family enjoy time together at church, kids' activities, volunteering in the community, and traveling. When she has time to herself, she enjoys learning foreign languages, watching political pundit television programs, researching and writing.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES TO BE CHOSEN IN JULY

The Board of Trustees of the Altrusa International will be elected by the delegate Body at the 2011 Convention. Two Trustees will be elected for a four-year term. The five candidates are:

- Patsy Flensborg, Altrusa International, Inc. of Parkersburg, West Virginia—District Two
- ☐ Mary Conner (Connie) Cannon, Altrusa International, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia—District Three
- Cynthia F. McRill, Altrusa International, Inc. of Sidney, Ohio— District Five
- Denise Swinehart, Altrusa International, Inc. of Indiana Dunes, Indiana—District Six
- Connie L. McIntire, Altrusa International, Inc. of Colorado Springs, Colorado—District Ten



DISTRICT NINE NEWS

2011-2013 BIENNIUM GOALS

The goals listed below were extracted from the District Nine Strategic Plan published in April 2011.

GOAL: Membership—Show a positive membership growth

- ☐ Increase the number of members by 10% by 2013
- □ Increase the number of members in the 25-50 age category by 10% by 2013
- ☐ Increase the number of clubs by two by 2013
- Decrease the number of under charter strength clubs by two by 2013

GOAL: Service—Improve Quality of Life in our Worldwide Community

- Encourage clubs to have at least one major service project per year with at least 75% member participation
- Encourage clubs to participate in Make A Difference
 Day with literacy-focused projects
- ☐ Increase number of clubs submitting entries for District awards by a total increase of 10% per year in 2012 and 2013
- ☐ Increase the number of ASTRA Clubs by one by 2013

GOAL: Marketing—Enhance our Image and Increase Visibility

- ☐ Implement Marketing/Branding Plan consistent with International timeline
- □ Planning
- GOAL: Leadership Development/Membership Benefits— Provide opportunities for personal development, lifelong learning and networking
 - ☐ Increase member attendance at District Conference by 10% by 2013
 - ☐ Create a process to develop and sustain strong leaders at the club and district levels
- Provide club presidents, treasurers and other officers the tools and training needed to be effective in the role.
- GOAL: Organization—Maintain Sufficient Organizational and Financial Resources to Support Programs and Objectives
 - ☐ Maintain a balanced financial plan that supports the programs and services for our District Membership
- ☐ Encourage club strategic planning

ALTRUSA ACCENT

DELEGATE REPORTS ON CONVENTION

As a member of the club's delegation to International Convention, a representative is obligated to make an oral report to the membership on the proceedings. Ideally, the club should send a full delegation to International Convention so that individual members of the delegation can report on different aspects of the Convention. Reports should also be made in writing so they can be included in the club's files. Suggested report highlights include elections/appointments,

new objectives/programs, budget adoption, bylaws revisions, workshops/seminars, speakers, awards, resource materials, Foundation progress and social events.

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson delegates to the 2011 International Convention are Nancy Rohm, Mary Beth McLemore, Bobbi Klein, Jo Leeper, and Mimi Tanner. Alternates are Mary Osentowski, Susan Frensley, Jane Merz, and Elisa Belsley.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

DIANE THORPE'S BOOK IS IN LIBRARY COLLECTION

Diane Thorpe, having loaned her book to Stacy Davis, the Texas historian at the Richardson Public Library, was delighted to see on her next visit, that her book was now a part of the library's collection! And the next week, as Diane looked at the new book shelf, she discovered that someone had checked out her book. Diane wants

Altrusans to know that if anyone would like to read her book, entitled "Mom was a Flapper, and Grandpa was a Cowboy," she will be glad to lend them a copy.



SPECIAL REPORT

WHAT DO COMMITTEE LIAISONS DO?

By Kimberly D. Kierce, President-Elect

Webster defines Liaison as "a close bond or connection: interrelationship". Which is exactly what our Committee Liaisons are, they are the close bond or connection from the committee to the board. Liaisons are responsible for keeping the board informed of the actions and needs of their Administrating and/or Foundation Committee. Liaisons are to assist the committee chair and committee members with any club questions and relay such questions or concerns to the board, as needed.

Webster also defines Liaison as "communication for establishing and maintaining mutual understanding and cooperation". Liaisons ensure that communication between the Board and their committee is consistent throughout the club year. We are a busy, active club so communication in all directions is key to our success. Use your Committee Liaison as a resource to continue with the outstanding work that all our committees perform in the community and to make our club one of the strongest in District Nine!

IN THE MEDIA

FROM JULY 1 neighborsgo

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Altrusa elects new officers at meeting

By MIMI TANNER Contributor

Altrusa International of Richardson selected Bonnie Perry as the club's next president at its annual meeting to install officers for the next club year at a recent banquet at the Richardson Woman's Club.





"The future is in front of us, and we are moving forward," Perry said in her president's message. "Let's embrace the new

Altrusa year as we honor our 2011-12 theme, Working Today - Building Tomorrow.

The Richardson club has more than 80 members who participate in service projects. The club reaches out to senior citizens by rotating books between retirement homes, the senior center and the Richardson Public Library every three months.

Other Altrusans serve in community outreach as ushers for events including the

ALTRUSA OFFICERS

Altrusa International of Richardson elected the following officers at its recent annual meeting:

- · Kim Kierce, president-elect
- · Janet Vance, vice president
- · Toni Garrett, secretary
- · Sue McElveen, secretary
- · Liz Luthans, treasurer · Dena Davis, treasurer
- · Mary Beth McLemore, immediate past president
- · Genevieve Hamulak, director
- · Pam Kovacs, director
- · Nancy Rohm, director
- · Gloria Sandavol, director

Richardson Reads OneBook program. Club members also volunteer with Ability House and Terrace Elementary School.

Every year the Altrusans provide scholarships and financial support to several local students and organizations.

Mimi Tanner contributes neighborsgo.com on behalf of Altrusa International of Richardson.

REMEMBERING DOT McCalpin

By Mimi Tanner



Emeritus Altrusan Dot McCalpin died on June 13. She was 87 years old. One can go online to read about all the organizations she was involved with here in Richardson. The list is very long! She has been a driving spirit in the city of Richardson for many years. In 1990 she was named "Citizen of the Year," and the Mayor proclaimed De-

cember 20, 2004, Dot McCalpin Day in honor of her eightieth birthday.

I admired Dot for her organizational skills, "can do" attitude, and for being such a very nice person. Dot and her husband, George, have raised six accomplished children. As the kids began to leave home, Dot took up a hobby—photography. She took classes to develop her skills and became a professional photographer. Few people in Richardson have not seen Dot's work; she has taken official city portraits, wedding pictures and family groups; our family had one done on Thanksgiving weekend. Rounding up a bunch of Tanners, including the dog, and making them look great is what Dot did with unlimited patience.

Of course, we Altrusans have our photo yearbook, pictures by Dot McCalpin! Her photography business did not seem to interfere with her civic activity one bit! I will always be grateful to Dot for spearheading the establishment of Helping Agencies Serving Richardson via Leadership Richardson, for example. HASR is an organization of social service agencies in the Richardson area which provides networking opportunities, volunteer recognition, and an agency directory. Dot recognized the need for such an organization and got it started.

Although Dot had an amazing resume of civic and church activities, the thing I will remember the most is her beautiful smile, which lit up every place she went.

CLUB CALENDAR JULY 2011

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Thurs., July 7 (7:00 PM) Business Meeting (Clubhouse)

Thurs., July 14 Meet and Greet at Doubletree Hotel Richardson

Mon., July 18 (Noon) Reservations due for July 18 meeting

Thurs., July 21 (7:00 PM) Dinner Meeting (Founders Hall)

July 22—July 25 International Convention in Rapid City, SD

Mon., July 25 (6:00 PM) Tidings Deadline

Mon., July 25 (6:00 PM) Book Club at Friends Place

Thurs., July 28 (6:30 PM) Board Meeting at Bonnie Perry's home

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Jo Leeper
- 7 Bobbie Klein
- 10 Carolyn Swanson
- 12 Kay George
- 24 Imogene Jones
- 27 Janie Jaquier
- 28 Nancy Crowe, Diane Thorpe
- 30 Julianne

Remember, if you choose, you may bring a

gift to the dinner meeting in the month of your birthday. There will be an opportunity to put our names in a drawing (only \$1 per chance!) to win a birthday gift. The guideline is that the gift should

cost around \$5.

DON'T FORGET!

Each club member is expected to serve on an Administration Committee and a Foundation Committee.

Please check the current lists of committee members elsewhere in this issue. If your name doesn't show up on both an Administration Committee and a Foundation Committee, then please make your choices and email them to Bonnie Perry ASAP!

MEETINGS

Business Meeting
7 PM, July 7
Clubhouse at
Richardson Woman's Club

Dinner Reservations due by Noon, Monday, July 18 Contact: Jean Stuart

Dinner/Program Meeting
7 PM, July 21
Founders' Hall at
Richardson Woman's Club

Board Meeting 6:30 PM Thursday, July 28

BOARD ACTIONS

- ☐ Received Treasurers' reports
- ☐ Discussed HASR Volunteer of the Year award nominations; will ask for member input
- ☐ Approved Foundation Budget

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COMMUNITY NEWS

HASR Accepting Nominations for Volunteer of the Year

At their June meeting, the Board discussed nominating Altrusans for HASR (Helping Agencies Serving Richardson) Volunteer of the Year Awards to be presented in November. Mimi Tanner will talk about the process at the July business meeting. See www.hasr.org for the nomination form and complete information.

The purpose of HASR is to improve the delivery of social services in Richardson by establishing a non-profit, non-political forum for better communication, coordination and cooperation among the social services agencies serving the Richardson Independent School District geographical area with a tax exempt status of 501 (c) (3). Non-voting Associate membership is also available to individuals or groups interested in promoting the goals of HASR. HASR was founded in 1989 by the Social Services Task Force of Leadership Richardson.

Organizations with volunteers providing services to the community are encouraged to submit nominees. A panel of involved citizens and community leaders will choose the winners in each category. Religious, fraternal or professional groups that only provide services to their agencies are not eligible. Organizations may not nominate themselves in the group category.

Individual volunteers can be nominated in the following categories:

Education – candidate who has improved educational opportunities for individuals or the community

Community Leadership - candidate who has



demonstrated outstanding community leadership.

Humanitarian – candidate who has improved the quality of life for individuals or the community.

A service organization or group or business can be nominated for volunteering within the community.

Any individual or group who has demonstrated direct, hands-on volunteer experience with the Richardson/ RISD community may be nominated.

The nominations will be judged based on the specific criteria below:

Need—Volunteer addressed an identified need in the community.

Action—Volunteer was active not a passive advisor.

Initiative—Volunteer initiated new programs or activities or used new methods to solve problems.

Achievement—Volunteer accomplished the desired results.

Impact—Volunteer's efforts produced positive changes and/or provided an example for others.

Time—Time devoted to the activity was significant.

Challenge—Volunteer overcame unusual challenges, i.e., limited resources or public perceptions of the problem.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DONATE BOOKS NOW, THEN SHOP FOR BOOKS IN AUGUST!

The Friends of the Richardson Library is AL-WAYS looking for book and media items in good condition. Donations are tax deductible and pick-



up is available. For more information, please contact your Altrusa sister Sandy Martin at 972/744-0419 or at sanstar1221@tx.rr.com.

The Friends of the Richardson Library's Annual Book Sale will be Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27, from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and Sunday, from 2:00 - 5:30 PM. A pre-sale will occur Thursday, August 25, from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. The pre-sale is open to members only...join today for only \$10.00 (family memberships are \$25.00).

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, Texas Business Meeting Minutes June 2, 2011

Call to Order - Bonnie Perry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda - Adopted as amended

Invocation and Pledge: Jane Merz, "What is it that you truly need?"

Introduction of **Guests** – No guests in attendance

Accent - Janie Jaquier presented information about the Biennial Convention.

Treasurer's Report

<u>Administration</u> - Elizabeth Smith presented the report, which was accepted and filed for audit with a balance of \$2,240.86.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approved as presented

Correspondence - Sue McElveen

- Thank you note from <u>Taylor Swallow</u> for funds to build swings at Camp Summit for his Eagle Scout project
- Thank you notes from <u>Richardson Woman's Club</u>, Richardson Woman's Club Foundation, and Richardson Woman's Club Arbor Fund for \$200 donation to purchase a tree in honor of our past president
- Thank you note from <u>Bead for Life</u> for the party that raised \$723 for their work with women in Uganda

Unfinished Business

- <u>Introduction of 2011-12 Board</u> As Bonnie Perry introduced each Board member, she described her Board and committee liaison responsibilities.
 - President-Elect Kimberly Kierce Board Liaison to Ability House, Communications, and Ways and Means Committees
 - o Vice-President Janet Vance Board Liaison to Community Outreach Committee
 - o Recording Secretary Toni Garrett
 - o Corresponding Secretary Sue McElveen
 - o Administrative Treasurer Dena Davis Board Liaison to Finance and Education Committees
 - o Foundation Treasurer Liz Luthans Board Liaison to Finance Committee
 - o Director Nancy Rohm Board Liaison to Leadership Development and Strategic Planning Committees
 - o Director Pam Kovacs Board Liaison to Recruitment and Retention Committees
 - o Director Genevieve Hamulak Board Liaison to Scholarships Committee
 - o Director Gloria Sandoval Board Liaison to International Relations and Seniors Committees
 - o Immediate Past President Mary Beth McLemore Board Liaison to New Member Project
- <u>Membership Renewals</u> Elizabeth Smith reported the following: 70 renewals, 3 new members, 4 emeritus members, and 10 more renewals needed.

New Business

- New Website and Membership Software Proposal

 Kimberly Kierce presented information on Wild Apricot software, which could be used for membership management, online payments, an online year-book, and webpage development. Wild Apricot is included in the proposed Administration Budget.
- <u>2011-2012 Budget –Administration</u> The Administration Budget was presented by Janie Jaquier. After lengthy discussion, Mimi Tanner called the question. She moved that we vote on the budget. The motion was seconded and approved. A majority agreed to vote. Janie Jaquier moved that we adopt the budget as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Announcements

- Sign Up Sheet for Invocations and Accents Mimi Tanner
- Sign Up Sheets -2011-12 Administration and Foundation Committees Bonnie Perry
- Sisters Scholarship Jo Leeper explained that members needing financial assistance with dues or program dinner costs should contact Brenda Boston for anonymous assistance. To donate to this scholarship fund, contact Jean Stuart.
- OWT Date Change Courtenay Tanner reported the OWT date change to October 21, 2011, which will result in a 25% savings on hotel expenses. Nomination forms are currently on the website.
- Leadership Mini Retreat for 2011-12 Board Members/Committee Chairs Janet Vance stated that the Retreat will be held on Saturday, June 25, 9:00-11:00, at Nancy Rohm's home.
- Altrusa_Dinner Meeting June 16, 2011
- Altrusa_Board Meeting June 23, 2011
- Tidings Deadline June 20, 2011
- Altrusa Book Club June 27, 2011
- Sue McElveen reminded us to bring hotel shampoo, etc. for NETWORK.
- Kimberly Kierce picked up our items from storage. There are good decoration items available. Mardi Gras items will be donated for use at next year's District Nine Conference. Contact Kimberly if you can use other items; otherwise, they will be donated to charity.
- Kimberly Kierce reported that a committee is currently looking at options for yearbook photographs for the 23 members who need them.

TLC

- Brenda Boston
- June Rentmeester
- Betsy Trygar Mimi Tanner's sister
- Carole Hysmith's family
- Carolyn Trundle

- Janet Vance
- Debbie Payne Ginna Coffer's daughter in law
- Debbie Gamble
- Donna DeMoss

Attendees - 41 members, no guests

The next program meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 16, at The Richardson Woman's Club.

After Brags, Fines, and Benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Toni Garrett, Recording Secretary

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson Program Meeting Minutes June 16, 2011

The meeting was preceded at 6:40 by a "Getting to Know You" activity led by Julianne Lovelace and Mimi Tanner.

Call to Order – President Bonnie Perry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adoption of the Agenda – Adopted as presented

Invocation and Pledge: Bobbi Klein – "Everything I Need to Know I Learned from Noah's Ark"

Introduction of Guests - None

Accent: Nancy Rohm – "The Altrusa Tradition" from the Altrusa International, Inc. website

Explanation of Program Facilitation: Cindy McIntyre

Altrusa Grace – Bonnie Perry

Program

Administrative Committees Planning for 2011-2012 Foundation Committees Planning for 2011-2012

Announcements

Tidings Deadline - Monday, July 20, 2011

<u>Retention</u> – Book Club – Monday, June 27, 6:00 at Friends Place – Contact Jan Belcher or Kay George Next Board Meeting – Thursday, June 23, at Bonnie Perry's house, social 6:30 and meeting 7:00 (Drinks and snacks provided)

Ways and Means - OWT Date Change – Julianne Lovelace October 21, 2011

October Dinner Meeting – Date Change – Bonnie Perry – October 27, 2011

Communications - Year Book Photos scheduled in July – Jennifer Rohm

TLC

Brenda Boston

Janet Vance

Donna DeMoss

Debbie Gamble

Betsy Trygar – Mimi Tanner's sister

Debbie Payne – Ginna Coffer's daughter in law

Barbara O'Dell

Dot McCalpin's Family – Altrusa Remembrance

George Hassinger, father of Dean Hassinger (Linda Olivera's son)

Attendees – 44 members, no guests

The next business meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 7, at The Richardson Woman's Club.

After Birthday Drawings, Brags, Fines, and Benediction, the meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted - Toni Garrett, Recording Secretary